

**Town Manager's Office  
Town of Mansfield**

# Memo

To: Town Council  
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager  
CC: Town Employees  
Date: October 28, 2013  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

## **Council Business**

- *Increase in FY 12/13 LAP Insurance* – Councilor Keane made an inquiry regarding the increase in the Town's liability, automobile and property (LAP) insurance for FY 2012/13 noted in the quarterly financial statements. We have a journal entry is pending to move the \$4,927 expense to the Storrs Center fund; this expense is to insure the garage. Additionally, there are two CHRO cases pending (labeled as "public officials liability cases" in the financial statements). I will schedule an executive session to discuss these two cases in more detail.
- *Price Chopper* – A citizen inquired whether or not Price Chopper will be permitted to sell alcohol at its new Storrs Center location. Mansfield's zoning regulations do allow the sale of liquor within the Storrs Center: Special Design District. However, it is unclear at this time whether or not this Price Chopper will carry alcohol.

## **Major Projects and Initiatives**

- *Corridor Study* - The Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has partnered with WINCOG to file an application with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for a multi-modal corridor study of key approaches to UCONN's main campus in Storrs, the UCONN Health Center in Farmington and the University's Hartford Campus. The purpose of the study is to help to address impacts of the University's expansion on the regional transportation network, in particular Route 195 through Tolland, Coventry, Mansfield and Windham; Route 44 through Bolton, Coventry and Mansfield; and Route 4 in Farmington. I have submitted a letter of support for the application on behalf of the Town (attached). As referenced in my October 28, 2013 letter to Commissioner Redeker (see attached), it is important that the study address all modes of transportation (vehicular, transit, bicycle and pedestrian) to mitigate the impacts of additional traffic on the town's character. In addition to Mansfield, the following communities are co-sponsoring the application: Bolton, Coventry, Farmington, Hartford, Tolland and Windham.
- *Storrs Center*
  - *Construction Update* – Construction of the next building near the Town Square is continuing with a scheduled completion in August 2014. The Oaks on the Square has begun accepting applications for the 92 rental apartments which will occupy the upper floors of the building. Per the Storrs Center Special Design District (SDD) regulations and guidelines, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership held a public hearing to receive comments on a Zoning Permit application by Educational Playcare for a day care center in Building VS-11, which will be located on the east side of Wilbur Cross Way, north of Charles Smith Way. The hearing was well-attended, and the Board received thoughtful comments from community members. Following the hearing, the Board recommended to the Town's Planning and Development Director that the proposed plans are consistent with the SDD. Educational Playcare hopes to have the building completed by mid-summer 2014. Price Chopper is under construction in the southern end of the Storrs Center project; construction is expected to be completed by mid-summer 2014. The foundations and conduit work for elements of the Town Square are underway. The final construction-ready design should be completed in the coming weeks. Construction of the Town Square will continue through the coming months as long as weather permits. The Square is expected to be complete by

summer 2014. The commercial tenants of One Royce Circle continue to work on their individual spaces.

- *Trick or Treat in Storrs Center* - On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center hosted Trick or Treat in Storrs Center from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Despite brisk, windy weather, the event was well-attended by young residents and friends. Twenty Storrs Center businesses participated, including two who have yet to open (UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center and Haru Aki Café). As part of the celebration, visitors were invited to vote for the best decorated/costumed business. Horizon Travel–Storrs earned the title “Most Spirited Shop” for their Mickey and Minnie Mouse theme. They received a trophy made by The Flower Pot to display in their business until next year. The Partnership and Storrs Center thanks the following businesses for their participation: Moe’s Southwest Grille; 7-Eleven; Froyoworld; Dog Lane Café; Subway; Insomnia Cookies; Mooyah Burgers & Fries; Geno’s Grille; The Flower Pot; Horizon Travel – Storrs; Head Husky Barber Styling Shop; Sweet Emotions Candy; Select Physical Therapy; Storrs Center Alliance; Friendly Fire; Husky Pizza; The Oaks on the Square; UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center; Haru Aki Café; and oneTribe.
- *Live Music Wednesday* - The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center have hosted Live Music Wednesday every week since the spring. This Wednesday (October 30) will be the last event of the series, which will resume in the spring. This week’s performance will be by Wild Bill and Patti Tuite. They will perform a mixture of blues, folk, and rock in the courtyard between Mooyah Burgers & Fries and Geno’s Grille from 5:00 pm until 7:00 PM.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Mansfield Community Center 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – The Mansfield Community Center will have its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony on Friday, November 1, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 PM in the Community Room. Please join us in celebrating ten wonderful years!

### **Upcoming Meetings\***

- Special Traffic Authority Meeting, October 29, 2013, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, November 1, 2013, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, November 2, 2013, 4:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, November 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, November 6, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, November 7, 2013, 4:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, November 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, November 12, 2013, 11:45 a.m., Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, November 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, November 12, 2013, 5:00 p.m., Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Parking Steering Committee, November 12, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, November 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Historic District Commission, November 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Transportation Advisory Committee, November 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Employee Lounge, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, **TUESDAY**, November 12, 2013, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

*\*Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*